



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Public Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has submitted an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. Comments submitted during the first public review of this ICR will be provided to OMB. OMB will accept further comments from the public during the review and approval period.

DATES: Comments on this ICR should be received no later than **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, including the Information Collection Request Title, to the desk officer for HRSA, either by email to OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov or by fax to 202-395-5806.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to OMB for review, email the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer at paperwork@hrsa.gov or call (301) 594-4306.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Information Collection Request Title: Maternal, Infant, and Childhood Home Visiting (Home Visiting) Program Non-Competing Continuation Progress Report for Competitive Grants
OMB No. 0915-0356 – Extension

Abstract: The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program, administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in close partnership with the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), supports voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services during pregnancy and to parents with young children up to kindergarten entry. Competitive grants support the efforts of eligible entities that have already made significant progress towards establishing a high quality home visiting program or embedding their home visiting program into a comprehensive, high-quality early childhood system. All fifty states, the District of Columbia, five territories, and nonprofit organizations that would provide services in jurisdictions that have not directly applied for or been approved for a grant are eligible for competitive grants; and if awarded, are required to submit non-competing continuation progress reports annually. There are currently 48 entities with competitive grant awards. Some eligible entities have been awarded more than one competitive grant.

Need and Proposed Use of the Information: This information collection is needed for eligible entities to report progress under the Home Visiting Program annually. On March 23, 2010, the

President signed into law the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). Section 2951 of the ACA amended Title V of the Social Security Act by adding a new section, 511, which authorized the creation of the Home Visiting Program (http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=111_cong_bills&docid=f:h3590enr.txt.pdf, pages 216–225). A portion of funding under this program is awarded to participating states and eligible jurisdictions competitively. The purpose of the competitive funding is to provide additional support to entities that have already made significant progress towards establishing a high-quality home visiting program or embedding their home visiting program into a comprehensive, high-quality early childhood system and are ready to expand and maintain expanded programs.

The information collected will be used to review grantee progress on proposed project plans sufficient to permit project officers to assess whether the project is performing adequately to achieve the goals and objectives that were previously approved. This report will also provide implementation plans for the upcoming year, which project officers can assess to determine whether the plan is consistent with the grant as approved, and will result in implementation of a high-quality project that will complement the home visiting program as a whole. Progress Reports are submitted to project officers through the Electronic HandBooks (EHB). Failure to collect this information would result in the inability of the project officers to exercise due diligence in monitoring and overseeing the use of grant funds in keeping with legislative, policy, and programmatic requirements. Grantees are required to provide a performance narrative with the following sections: project identifier information, accomplishments and barriers, state home visiting program goals and objectives, an update on the state home visiting program promising approach and evaluations conducted under the competitive grant, implementation of the state

home visiting program in targeted at-risk communities, progress toward meeting legislatively-mandated reporting on benchmark areas, state home visiting quality improvement efforts, and updates on the administration of state home visiting program.

Since federal fiscal year 2011, 48 eligible entities have received competitive grant awards.

Grantees of the competitive grant program need to complete annual reports in order to comply with HRSA reporting requirements. Some grantees have been awarded up to three competitive grants to date.

In the event a new Funding Opportunity Announcement is issued annually for the competitive grant program, the application for new grant funds may take the place of completion of a non-competing continuation progress report.

Likely Respondents: Grantees with Home Visiting Competitive Awards Awarded in Federal Fiscal Years 2012– 2017.

Burden Statement: Burden in this context means the time expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide the information requested. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information; to search data sources; to complete and review the

collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information. The total annual burden hours estimated for this ICR are summarized in the table below.

Total Estimated Annualized Burden - Hours

Summary Progress on the following activities	Number of Respondents	Number of Responses per Respondent	Total Responses	Hours per response	Total Burden Hours
Home Visiting Competitive Grant Progress Report – FY 2012, FY 2013, FY 2014	37	1	37	25	925
Home Visiting Competitive Grant Progress Report – FY 2015	32	1	32	25	800
Home Visiting Competitive Grant Progress Report – FY2016 and FY 2017	47	2	94	25	2350
Total	116		166	25	4075

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